

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of AALIYAH M. THORNTON  
BADGER, Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

JOHNNIE MAE THORNTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

GARFIELD BADGER,

Respondent.

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No. 219116

Kent Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 90-034105-NA

Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Meter and T. G. Hicks\*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (i); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g), and (i). We affirm.

Respondent-appellant's claim that petitioner failed to prove a statutory basis for termination is deficient because respondent-appellant does not direct her arguments to any of the specific elements of the applicable statutory grounds for termination. A party may not leave it to this Court to discover and rationalize the basis for a claim. *FMB-First Nat'l Bank v Bailey*, 232 Mich App 711, 717; 591 NW2d 676 (1998). In any event, we are satisfied from our review of the record that the family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and

\* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Thus, we reject respondent-appellant's claim that the family court improperly terminated her parental rights.

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Patrick M. Meter

/s/ Timothy G. Hicks